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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant lists the following references (copies of the listed patents enclosed).

U.S. Patent Documents				
Exam. Initials	Class/ Subclass.	Document No.	Date	Name
	606/192	2002/0055757 A1	5/02	Torre, et al.

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Remarks

The listed U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0055757 to Torre et al. pertains in a general way to the subject matter of the application, but is not necessarily considered to be analogous prior art by the Applicant. Torre et al. is directed to an intragastric device, specifically an expandable balloon for weight loss, and is embryologically exterior to the body, as it is placed in the gastro-intestinal tract, which is embryologically exterior to the body. In contrast, the present invention is directed to a prosthesis containing a biologically compatible rupture indicator which is implanted within the human body tissues. A prosthesis, by definition, means an artificial device used to replace a missing body part, such as a limb, tooth, eye, heart valve or breast. Further, when implanted within the human body tissues, a prosthesis functions as the body part it is replacing, and hence, interacts directly with and may have access to the bodily systems, such as the vascular system.

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